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STERILIZATION CONTAINER WITH
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Sir:

Further to the above identified Application and in compliance with Rule 56 (37C.F.R. §1.56), Applicant hereby wishes to call the Examiner's attention to the references listed on the enclosed form PTO-A820. A copy of each reference ([X]other than US patents and US published applications) is also enclosed.

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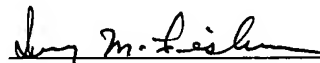
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- ☐ Applicant becoming aware of the cited reference. A certification under 37 CFR 1.97(e) is enclosed.
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The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following information in relation to this application and to indicate that each of the references was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO-A820 form(s).

The cited references relate to various aspects of sterilization containers and were of record in applicants related applications and patents, yet were not previously cited in the present case. In an effort to be sure that the examiner has all of the references of which Applicant is aware that relates to the sterilization containers, these references have been submitted for the Examiner's consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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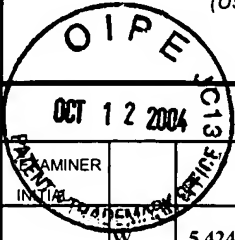
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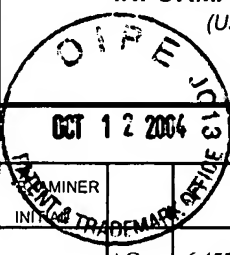
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